Summary/Action Minutes

I. Update on Stakeholder Process, Input and Supervisorial Town Hall Meetings

Linda Gardner, Director, Housing and Community Development Department, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County’s proposed General Obligation Housing Bond, including the stakeholder process, input and supervisorial Town Hall meetings.

The County-facilitated stakeholder process which was held between March 2, 2016 and April 8, 2016 discussed county housing needs. The County received input and feedback on desired programs and other interested parties were engaged.

The Draft Bond Program was released on April 10th and comments will be taken through May 22, 2016, which includes policy and programmatic proposals discussed with stakeholders, city housing staff and officials, County housing staff, and Supervisors to develop a proposed program for use of housing bond funds.

Supervisory District Town Hall Meetings

District town hall meetings to be held in each Supervisory district to inform and educate constituents about the housing bond, and to garner feedback. The goal is to present the final housing bond measure language and authorizing resolution to be voted on by the full Board of Supervisors on June 14, 2016.

II. Updated Overview of Draft Affordable Housing General Obligation Bond Proposal

Linda Gardner, Director, Housing and Community Development, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on a draft framework for the Alameda County Housing Bond.

Criteria for a Bond Program includes eligible uses of General Obligation Bond proceeds to address critical housing needs and assures all parts of the County benefit. The bond would allocate funding overtime to allow for successful program models to be built within the County. The bond would leverage funding whenever possible and allow for creativity and innovation.

The draft proposal of the bond issuance would be three issuances every two years beginning in 2017 at $200 million, 2019 at $200 million and 2021 at $100 million.

Speakers

Maeve Brown, Housing & Economic Rights Advocates (HERA), Margareta Lin, Dellums Institute, Brian Geiser, Stevi Dawson, East Bay Housing Organization, Karen Smulevitz, East Bay Housing Organization, Matt Leber, East Bay Housing Organization, Kris Adhikari, Resources for Community Development
Housing, Doug Stimpson, Habitat for Humanity, Michelle Choi, Habitat for Humanity, Amie Fishman, Non-Profit Housing Association, Elaine de Coligny, EveryOne Home, Ramiro Montoya, Zhonnet Harper, Abel Guillen, Councilmember, City of Oakland, Loretta at East Bay Housing Organization and Dr. Muntu Davis, County Health Officer, and Zach Murray Alameda County all spoke in support of the County Housing Bond.

III. Discussion

Supervisor Wilma Chan, Chair, Health Committee thanked the speakers and Linda Gardner and her staff for the work on the County Housing Bond.

Purpose:
☑ Report progress
☑ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request Health Committee Recommendation or Position
☐ Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Geiser spoke about unlawful detainers and evictions on the rise in Alameda County.

Zach Murray stated that the County could do more for Section 8 renters in the County, and also use land trusts as a way to reduce displacement of families.

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